

**Concord Piecemakers Guild
November 2019 Newsletter
Grapevine**

Editor, Kathie Becker

**November 20, 2019 Meeting
Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main Street, Concord, MA 01742**

Adele Scott will bring the latest quilting gadgets, rulers, and more. All items will be available for purchase. She will share her favorite tips, techniques, and how to simplify your quilting. ??<https://www.adelescott.com/>

My Favorite Tips, Techniques & Products

A fast moving, fun lecture & demo on a wide variety of topics. Always the newest notions. From sewing machine aids to specialty rulers, applique tricks to perfect flying geese, what markers work and why do we need different sizes & types of pins, plus so much more. We'll solve problems, learn to save time, eliminate trouble and make sewing more enjoyable.



**From the President:
Carol MacFarlane**

For me November is all about gratitude. There is nothing quite like a cold, crisp blue-sky day in November. Suddenly it's light out when I awaken at 6 or 6:30 in the morning, and I am grateful for the energy daylight brings, as I spring out of bed. And although it gets dark by 5 in the afternoon, there's nothing quite like a fire in the fireplace (even if it's gas!) to make me feel cozy and warm. In the evening it's time to pull that quilt I made years ago onto my lap, the one that has been folded up on the couch all summer long. I am grateful for the warmth of the home hearth this time of year.

Because all the activity of summer and warm fall days slows down a notch, I suddenly have more time to quilt. When I have five or ten minutes to spare, or better yet, an hour or two, I head up to my sewing machine and make some progress on my current project. I am grateful to have found an activity that is so enjoyable, and which has the added benefit of producing creations that decorate my walls, that cover my lap, or that make perfect gifts for those I love.

I'm also grateful for the Concord Piecemakers, where I come monthly in search of inspiration and new friendships. Here I have found so many women who devote so much of their time and energy to the many different aspects of the life of the guild—from keeping up the library or collecting nickel squares to organizing our quilt shows and yard sales. So many activities, so many hard workers and helping hands. Thank you, everyone, for your part in the Concord Piecemakers.

**Quiltathon:
Marla Richmond**

A reminder that the greatest day of the Concord Piecemaker year is coming! Our annual Quiltathon will be Saturday, February 22 at St. Matthew's Church in Acton. At the Quiltathon we gather to tie or quilt comfort quilts, eat and laugh. Every member is requested to bring a top (lap or twin size preferred, but we'll take anything!) with a backing a bit larger. We supply the batting. While working on your holiday quilts, think about your leftovers and piece some of them together at the end of December. You don't have to wait for the last moment, I've found it is easier when you give it time. So start thinking comfort quilts!

December Holiday Meeting:

Elana Schreiber

Our December Holiday meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30. We'll begin with a catered dinner (donations of \$5 toward the cost will be gratefully accepted) and a potluck dessert (bring your favorite treat to share). We'll then partake in a fun game with a fabric exchange. Please bring three fat quarters. Remember to give the quality of fabric you would like to receive.

We will be showing our last summer, Undercover in Long Beach. mystery quilts in December.

Membership:

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

We extend a big and warm welcome to our new members who joined in October: Katie Walter from Golden, CO; Pamela Radler from Maynard (rejoining after an absence), and Cecelia Braun from Stow.

Please continue to bring guests. We had four guests in October.

If you are looking for your new version of the membership directory (the electronic version), Robin sent out the eMembership directory via email on November 4, under the heading "New Version of the Membership Book

Household Goods Sewing Kits:

From Suzanne Knight and Tina van Roggen

We have taken over Alice Wiggin's sewing kit project at Household Goods (<https://householdgoods.org/>). We have received and sorted through the left-over supplies, made a few more kits, and delivered them.

However, we are in desperate need of:

Small containers - cookie/candy or other tins, Tupperware-type containers in decent shape (lids included), or even heavier plastic food containers that are at least 6-12" in one dimension

Measuring tapes

Bobbins - empty or wound with thread

One of us will be available to collect items at Nov 9th (Open Sew) and again at the guild meeting. Otherwise, dropping items off at our homes is also OK.

Help Wanted:

Help Wanted: a friendly, dynamic,?? quilter to demonstrate to 10 to 12 people a cool nickel square technique--yours or one of ours---- on March 18, 2020 at our Nickel Squares Extravaganza. Kindly contact Elana at lahsch@verizon.net or talk to her at the next meeting. We are making plans for the new year!??

Thanks in advance. Sally, Elana and Jenn

Program Opportunity:

Fay Martin

A year or so ago Carol Anne Grotrian presented an inspiring program of her work as artist, quilter and master dyer. She will be teaching a one-day silk scarf dyeing workshop in Harvard at Fivesparks (Harvard's newly reopened arts and culture center). Just in time for the holidays, please join us. Make a gift or two for yourself or someone on your list.

Date: December 7, 10-3

Cost: \$70 including materials

For more information, www.harvardculture.org

See also www.carolannegrotrian.com

To register contact carolannegrotrian@gmail.com

Celebrate a Hero or Heroine:

from Elana Schreiber

Many years Concord Piecemakers puts out a challenge. This year we are challenging you to make a quilt to show at the June meeting and hang at the next quilt show. The Challenge is to make a quilt with a 100 inch perimeter that celebrates the accomplishments of a person. You may use any technique that you wish, it can be pieced, appliqued by hand or machine or even fused. The quilt can celebrate anyone that you feel has made a positive change in the world. Think of your most passionate cause (global warming, famine, ethnic genocide, waste reduction) and who is making a difference. It can be someone who is well known and famous or someone who is making you think about a current problem differently. One person who comes to my mind is a friend I walk with each day who has made me more aware of my waste of plastic. Her practice of reusing zip lock plastic bags, using glass containers for leftovers and always carrying a water bottle instead of buying bottled water. Or it could be a famous person like Harriet Tubman or Jacques Cousteau, who were honored this year in quilts exhibited in Houston.

